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New campaign funding rule under consideration

TRENTON — The state election commission is considering a rule that would allow legislators to raise lobbyist gifts from public records by using campaign funds to make reimbursements.

The rule, which will be discussed at a public hearing on Sept. 20, would allow state lawmakers to reimburse lobbyists for gifts valued between \$25 and \$250. Legislators could wait as long as 13 months before making payment and the gifts would not be recorded on disclosure lists published each year.

If the rule had been in effect last year, almost \$25,000 worth of gifts could have been taken off the disclosure lists, which are published by the state Election Law Enforcement Commission. The change could have a substantial impact on the state Legislature.

NAACP convention to focus on history and goals

PRINCETON — The 1998 NJ State NAACP Convention will take place at the Holiday Inn, Route 1 South. The convention, which will take place from September 25-26, will focus on the theme "Crossing the Civil Rights Bridge: 1900-2000. Reflects and participants will reflect on the Civil Rights accomplishments of the 1900s as they project, protect and bridge the agenda for the next millennium.

Scheduled workshop sessions include: "Political Action/Policy Empowerment," "The New Jersey Election Agenda," and "Economic Development, Empowerment, Employment." For additional information and to register, call (732) 381-0845, (732) 720-9600 or (732) 364-6389. All ticket reservations must be confirmed.

Racist parade makes mockery of Byrd killing

QUEENS, NY — A Labor Day Parade in Queens contained racist acts on the part of some of the parade's participants. The parade featured whites in blackface who mocked the dragging death of James Byrd. During the Broad Channel Labor Day Parade, white men wore dreadlocks and white kilts while riding on a "Black to the Future" float. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani demanded that parade organizers identify those responsible for the "horrific display." In addition, he ordered the Human Rights Commission to investigate the incidents. Reverend Al Sharpton, who called on police to investigate, says he may stage a protest march in response to the predominantly white area of Broad Channel.

Emergency shelter grants available for residents

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield area YMCA has funds available to assist Union County residents with rental mortgage arrears. Grants of \$400 are available for each household. The Plainfield area YMCA is chartered to serve youngsters and adults in Danville, Greentown, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, and Watchung.

Applicants interested in applying for the Emergency Shelter Grant, provided as a result of the Labor Day storm, may contact Veronica Taylor Hill, Program Director, (908) 756-6060.

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This Plainfield home, on the corner of Hillside and Sunnyside Place, was damaged by a tree that fell on the side of the house. The tree's branches are covering the roof and front of the home. Shown in the inset photo at a press conference held Tuesday, September 8 in Plainfield, are Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders, Councilman Harold Mitchell, City Administrator Walter McNeil, and Ben Langanga, emergency management coordinator for Union County.

A day of labor

by Sonya Kinable-Ellis
Staff Writer

Most Labor Day's are filled with barbecues, sporting activities and warm weather. But this year, on September 7, residents in Union County got much more than they bargained for. At about 3 p.m., the sky darkened, high winds swirled, thunder and lightning struck and rain fell. By the time the storm ended, there was such extensive damage that a state of emergency was declared in the cities of Plainfield, Clark, Rahway and Fairfield.

In Plainfield, the state of emergency meant a 9 p.m. curfew that curtailed residents traveling and businesses remaining open after that time. The curfew was to remain in effect until all roads were cleared.

According to Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders, hundreds of trees fell throughout the county. Plainfield's City Administrator Walter McNeil said that in Plainfield, 29 trees fell on homes and more than 15 cars had been totally

demolished. Damages were still being reported at press time.

Trees weren't the only problem encountered by Plainfield and other surrounding municipalities. As a result of the storm, there were hundreds of downed wires, traffic lights weren't functional and thousands of residences were left without power. "I'd say about 60 percent of our town was without power after the storm," McNeil said. "But PSE&G told us today (Wednesday, September 9) that 2,400 homes were restored and power was restored to many businesses on Front Street."

The downed wires and trees caused school closings at five of Plainfield's schools. At press time, some of the city's schools had re-opened. Immediately following the storm, police departments opened emergency generators.

Though the town's encountered some problems with PSE&G, power was moderately restored to Euhelb, Mueller Hospital. At a press conference held last Wednesday by Mayor Al McWilliams, he stressed his concern over the tag-of-

war Plainfield was having with the utility company. "We had some reports that PSE&G was refusing to work on some of the power lines until our crews went out to remove trees which is completely backwards," he said. "Our crews can't do anything with these fallen trees until PSE&G is there and has at least confirmed that there are no live wires."

At press time, the result of the tag-of-war was \$12.2 million and \$1.4 million for Fawcett. McNeil estimates that the dollar amount Plainfield has already put out for the clean-up falls somewhere in the \$500,000 range. To help pay for the repairs Plainfield desperately needs, the city will apply for additional monies on the state and federal level. "We're going to apply for state department trust fund monies as well as FEMA monies," McNeil explained. "I'm not sure about the FEMA money. That's an issue because they were saying to us initially that they didn't think the damage was extensive enough." And so it seems, the labor continues.

Additional reporting by Jean H. Pierre.

of Public Information in Elizabeth offered early financial estimates for the damage. "We estimate that the damage in Plainfield for private areas and residences is \$900,000 and the dollar amount for public clean-up will be somewhere between \$500,000 and \$600,000," Murray said.

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Jersey youth march to their own beat



Youth and adults from local cities in New Jersey made their way to Newark Penn Station to travel to the Million Youth March. Shown here are members of the Assata Shakur freedom fighters caravan. They're rallying travelers before entering the station.

By Lucy Sanchez
Contributing Writer

Despite the hype, controversy and conflict, the Million Youth March proceeded with a triumphal following of supporters on September 5. There was a silent jazz in the air that something powerful and exciting was about to take place on this brisk Saturday morning.

Nearly 100 New Jersey men, women and children organized at Newark Penn Station under the leadership of Zayid Muhammad, spokesman for Frontline Artists, for prayer and detailed instructions on travel and safety. "Taking back the streets, respecting elders, and supporting freedom fighters radiated from the assembled circle as they raised their fists in the air with an exuberance of Black power.

A Newark coordinator for the march was disappointed with Rudolph Giuliani. But a 17-year-old from Chad Science Academy was positive the march would be successful. "I want to see black people come together and do for ourselves," said Jamille Jones.

Jones was one of the several youth who made sure all of the families boarded the path train and the subway safely. Aboard the path train, which soon felt like the freedom train, African rhythms echoed in harmony with praise as a prisoner depicted drum beats and others shouted names of historical figures.

"There's no better way to learn than to be around your own people," said 16-year-old Kaleena Rogers of East Orange. "I just want to make a difference and I just want to get knowledge."

A thirst for guidance and leadership was why many of the participants said they attended the march. Amidst the presence of thousands of police officers surrounding the marchers, on rooftops and helicopters warning the air, the youth from all over the country crowded in between the barricades placed by the city to await the speakers for the day. There was even a report on an armed tank stationed at 110th Street.

The march started promptly at 12 p.m. with prayers from Muslim, Christian and African leaders. A representative from the Harlem Boys Choir set the tone for the future as he encouraged everyone to hold hands and say they loved each other. "Youth, we have to change the way we treat our mothers and fathers," he said.

Reparations were a major emphasis

on the agenda of the Million Youth March. Speakers included Ben Conrad Muhammad, Reverend Al Sharpton, Dr. Ben. Dee Dee "Spindarella" Roper and many others.

Minister Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the final speaker at the march, was welcomed by thunderous applause. "This is not a hate march," Muhammad said. "This is a love march. We love you brothers and sisters. We love you! That's why we risk life and limb and sacrifice our very own lives for you."

Muhammad stated the youth were marching against police brutality, the prison system, drugs in the community and they were marching for a better educational system, responsible parenting, love and pride in self and the community.

Mr. Muhammad ended the march with closing statements that condemned the Giuliani administration. He also made statements that upheld the call for Black power. He went over the designated 4 p.m. cut off point allotted by Giuliani by 2-5 minutes. During that time, Khalid asked the crowd to leave in peace. He also stated, however, that they should not be afraid to protect themselves. "Beat the hell out of them with the railing if they so much as touch you," Muhammad said.

Police in riot gear proceeded up the stairs leading to the back of the stage and helicopters hovered over the marchers. The crowd and the speakers on stage responded by throwing chairs and debris at the officers.

"After Khalid Muhammad asked us to disperse in peace," said Jamie Cooper, who was in attendance at the march, "police helicopters descended as closely as possible to the podium and the crowd started to sway back and forth. I went through an abandoned building, climbed on top of a car and found an alley way to escape." The 25-year-old was disappointed with the reaction from the New York Police Department. Nevertheless, she stated the march filled people with pride and self-empowerment.

The march went on without incident until the closing moments of the event.

Guilty plea in Iverson murder

By Tim Duhberg
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — A former honor student avoided the death penalty by pleading guilty last week to molesting and strangling a 7-year-old girl in a casino toilet stall.

Under a plea bargain, Jeremy Stronmeyer, 19, will go to prison for the rest of his life for the 1997 slaying. Sheriff Iverson

agreed to the plea bargain hours before he was to go on trial, admitting that he was sexually assaulted by his wife's fingers and choked her over the Memorial Day weekend at the Flamingo Casino on the California-Nevada state line.

Not only did prosecutors have his confession, but video surveillance cameras had captured Stronmeyer going into the bathroom with the little girl in a game of hide-and-seek.

Cash, 19, told authorities he entered the restroom a few minutes after his friend, perched over the wall of an adjoining stall, saw Stronmeyer with his hand over Sheriff's mouth, muffling her screams. Cash said he told Stronmeyer to let her go and then left the restroom.

Cash was not charged because Nevada has no "good Samaritan" law requiring someone who witnesses a crime to try to stop it or to seek help from law enforcement.

Sheriff's mother, angered by Cash's reaction, led a coalition drive that gathered more than 30,000 signatures in support of a good Samaritan law which was introduced in Congress last week.

The case also drew attention to the safety of children in casinos. The Los Angeles girl had been left in the casino arcade with her older brother while their father, Leroy Iverson, gambled in the early-morning hours. Security guards said that three times they found the girl alone and told her father to come get her.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

MAHWAH—Rampage College will open an exhibition on photographs from the civil rights movement beginning at 5 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi-annual consignment sale through Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 551-1751.

PLAINFIELD—The Senior Citizens will host a bus trip down Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 753-3506.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library will host an exhibition of Puerto Rico 1998-1998: A Century of Change and Uncertainty during library hours (973) 733-7772.

BELLE MEAD—The Carrier Foundation will present Considered Cultural Factors in Clinical Practice seminar beginning at 12 noon (908) 218-1461.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

PLAINFIELD—Senior Citizens Service Center will host a birthday party for the group beginning at 1:30 p.m. (908) 753-3506.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Works Department will host a town hall discussion beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 753-3506.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW YORK—The NBA and Hoop-it-Up - the league's and NBC Sports' official 3-on-3 street basketball tour - today announces the worldwide Tour will return to New York for the sixth consecutive year. For registration information players can call the Hoop-It-Up New York City hotline at 888-313-PLAY.

OCEAN GROVE—The Historic Society will host a concert in honor of Paul Robeson. (732) 774-1869.

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will host a SAT Review course beginning at 9:00 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LINCROFT—The New Jersey Water Color Society will host its 56th annual exhibition beginning at the Monmouth Museum beginning at 1 p.m. (732) 747-2266.

KATONAH—The Katonah Museum will present a demonstration on plastic use.

called Pop Goes the Plastic (914) 242-0210 for time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

CLARK—The public library will present its Fall Young Readers Club program beginning at 3:30 p.m. (732) 385-5999.

NEWARK—The New Jersey Historical Society will host a series on the exploration of New Jersey past and present beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 596-8500.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WEST ORANGE—The United Way of Essex and West Hudson will host a campaign kick-off tailgate party at Mayfair Farms beginning at 12 noon. Contact the United Way of Essex and West Hudson for information.

EAST RUTHERFORD—The New Jersey Organization for a Better State (NEW JESS) is hosting a Night at the Meadows to honor outstanding candidates for the State Legislature (609) 383-7707.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CRAWFORD—Union County College will offer a non-credit course on workplace operations (908) 790-7503.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NASSAU—The American Concern for Arts and Craftsmanship takes pleasure in announcing The 2nd Annual Art of Craft Festival, an exposition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event to be held at The Nassau County Museum of Art. A special preview will be held from 5-8pm to benefit the Museum. 516-484-9337.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK—Local author Carlton Lewis will be signing copies of his critically acclaimed fiction novel Fragmentation at Kader Book Store beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 242-4296.

MARGATE—The city will host a blues and jazz Fall Festival by the Bay beginning at 10 a.m. through Sunday (909) 748-4850.

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer four swimming classes for children. (201) 200-3098.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will host a series of planetarium events through Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m. (973) 596-6638.

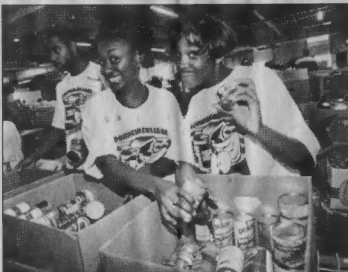
JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer classes in reading computer and mathematics beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

Gov. congratulates PNC Bank Arts Center members



TRENTON—Recently Governor Christine Whitman (left) met with the chairpersons and representatives for the PNC Bank Arts Center International Heritage Festivals. Joining the Governor is Shirley Macon, chairperson for the African-American Festival.

College students volunteer at foodbank



BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College joined the Community Food Bank of Hillsdale in packaging and sorting food to soup kitchens and shelters throughout its network region. Pictured are students from Bloomfield College enjoying the time for a worthy cause.

Summit Bank's Trotman named Sr. Vice President



PRINCETON—Wayne R. Trotman (left) was named senior vice-president and manager of large corporate and correspondent banking in Summit Bank's Specialty Lending Division. He will work with company's in U.S. with sales revenue of \$125 million and above. Mr. Trotman joined Summit Bank in 1997 as regional manager of large corporate.

Bergen County official elected to Nat'l board position on women



HACKENSACK—Carolyn Carmen-Blackwell (center), co-chair of the Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Commissioners on Women. This was the first time a Bergen County woman was elected to the board. Ms. Carmen-Blackwell is pictured with County Executive William "Pat" Schuber (right) and Bergen County Human Services Director Gina Piniello.

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Crisis in the Congo

This is an opportunity to take a look at who has set themselves up to be leaders, and the people who follow them. Although neither event gathered anywhere near the numbers they called for, the Atlanta Million Youth Movement was peaceful, informative and productive. Perhaps both Muhammad and Giuliani could take a lesson in cooperation and diplomacy from Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and Million Youth Movement National Chairperson Dennis Rogers. But, perhaps that would have been acting too smart.

It also would have allowed the defense time to gather and present mounds of

Part of an abusive family

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The trial could have taken up to three months, and would have been hard fought. The defense would have made much of Strohmeier's "troubled" background to explain the monstrous act. The aim was to create as much empathy and sympathy among the jurors (and the public) as possible to win acquittal or a reduced sentence. It seems an impossible task, but when it comes to judging the value of the life of an African-American anything is possible.

The chronic crisis in Central Africa has developed into what some observers

With the rebels 15 miles outside of the capital, and no hope of repelling them with Congo's hastily recruited and untrained troops, Kabila appealed to his neighbors to the south for assistance. Angola, Zimbabwe and Namibia responded with troops, guns, airlift support that may go belly-up if his government is defeated.

Lenora B. Tsaloni is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party.

Congress' neglect: The

Carolyn L. Bennett is an assistant professor of journalism and mass com-

"This was strictly a pharmaceutical factory. Yes, I can put my hand on my heart and say, up until April

American officials then claimed, that the plant was in fact cooperating with Iraq, in the production of dangerous chemical weapons. As it turns out, according to Mabdī Ibrahim Mohamed, the Sudanese Ambassador to the U.S., the factory was an approved facility involved in the U.N.'s "oil-for-peace" program with the government of Iraq. Mr. Mohamed told reporters, Sept. 2 at the National Press Club in Washington.

Askia Muhammad is a Washington, D.C.-based journalist.

Living matter

Medicaid; discipline through an over-

Patricia Funderburke Ware is an AIDS educator in Virginia and a n associate of the African-American leadership network Project 21.

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK—Professional Woman in Construction (PWC) presents "Development Forum at Fall Breakfast Symposium" at 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., at the Yale Club, Vanderbilt Avenue at 44th Street, New York City. For more information call PWC at 212-687-0610 or fax 212-687-1213.

NEWARK—The regional Business Partnership is holding a seminar on "International Interest in the International Market Research & Intelligence: How to Use It & Why It Is Important." 2:00-2:52.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BRIDGEWATER—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will host a networking breakfast seminar at the Friends Conference Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. (908) 725-1152.

NEWARK—The New Jersey Minority Business Development Center and the International Council for Business Opportunity will host an awards reception for minority business at the Newark Club beginning at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WASHINGTON—COBI invites African Americans to share the power of investing—in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to private companies, real estate and art—at the First Black Investors Conference, in Washington, D.C. The agenda includes "Investment Workshop" featuring financial analysts, portfolio managers and valuable networking opportunities. To register, call 888-411-2324.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ATLANTIC CITY—You are cordially invited to attend the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resources Council's 1998 EXPO/Opportunity Fair: "Success Through Determination." This year's EXPO guarantees to be one of the premier events of the year.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

TRENTON—The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce will host a two-day retreat to Washington D.C. called "New York Women, Power & Politics" for New Jersey top 300 women. (908) 989-7888 for information

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NEWARK—The Rutgers Small Business Development Center will present a seminar called "Where's the Money?—How to apply for a Small Business Loan" beginning at 8:30 a.m. (973) 963-5950

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MARGATE—If organizers have their way, the Margate Fall Festival by the Bay, will set new standards for the outdoor festival held in southern New Jersey. For more information, contact Beth Leam at 609-266-0500.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NEWARK—The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey is hosting a awards luncheon called "Procurement Fair" beginning at 9:30 a.m. (973) 972-6288

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business brief:

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES BENEFIT FROM SBA PLAN

WASHINGTON—Vice President Al Gore unveiled a streamlined federal contracting plan, developed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, that gives women-owned businesses a better chance of winning federal contracts. "For too long, women-owned businesses have been overlooked and their fair share of federal contracts," Gore said recently in New Hampshire.

"This effort will not only help these businesses, but will help the government as well by bringing their expertise to the federal market." The federal government spends about \$200 billion annually buying goods and services. While women own and operate nearly 40 percent of all small companies, women-owned firms receive roughly two percent of federal procurement contracts. The Clinton-Gore administration has set a goal of more than doubling women's share of federal contracts to five percent. The SBA plan, which affects the pool of contracts for services ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, offers procurement officers the chance to share weeks of normal contracting procedures. The current process takes a minimum of 45 days for the SBA to review bids, while the SBA will grant a waiver permitting the use of a simplified process if contracting officers solicit information from five small businesses, including one woman-owned and one small disadvantaged business.

Myths about business loans

By Penn Ritter

If you want to entice a small business owner, ask him/her what it takes to get a loan to expand or start a small business. Be prepared to get a carful.

The truth is, many entrepreneurs and small business owners have what it takes to get a loan, but they don't know it. And they don't find out, because most of them never get a foot in the door with a lender.

As an executive in a non-bank lending institution, I see many entrepreneurs who have been turned down repeatedly for loans—primarily by big banks. Again and again, I hear the same complaints about the paperwork, about being treated like a nuisance, and about mistrust.

But the advent of non-bank lending institutions, whose only business is making loans, has opened new doors for entrepreneurs, and turned many of these complaints into myths. I will set out here to dispel some of these myths, as well as some myths about non-bank lenders.

Myth: There are stacks of forms to fill out, and those forms can result in rejection before you even get a chance to explain your vision to a potential lending institution.

Reality: These days, more and more lenders understand the impor-

tance of offering personalized, one-to-one service. As a result, some non-bank lenders will ask to see your business plan and hear your vision before you even start on the paperwork. In fact, if your plan sounds impressive, some of us will even do the paperwork for you!

Myth: Lenders won't do what's best for me, but, rather, what's best for them.

Reality: Some lenders, particularly non-bank lenders, are looking through your financial records with you to discover hidden assets or values that you may not be aware of. This is something most banks will not pursue.

Myth: It's nearly impossible for women to get loans for start-ups.

Reality: Non-bank lending institutions have a much wider lateral base than do banks for entertaining new business concepts and ideas. This means that anyone with a strong background in the business, with proven knowledge, and with a business plan, even if self-designed, has a good chance of getting a loan, even for a start-up.

Myth: Non-bank lenders are like banks with loans tied to savings and checking accounts, mortgages, and other bank services.

Reality: Non-bank lenders spe-

cialize in lending. Period. They don't have checking accounts or savings accounts. Their sole purpose is to find a way to help you get your business going and/or growing.

Myth: Non-bank lenders charge exorbitant interest rates.

Reality: The interest rates charged by non-bank lenders are competitive with those charged by banks. The current rate at Business Lenders, for example (as of August 10, 1998) is prime +1 to prime +2.75.

Myth: Non-bank lenders will penalize me if I pay my loan off early.

Reality: Some non-bank lenders (such as Business Lenders) offer long-term loans with no prepayment penalty.

The bottom line is that because non-lenders are structured differently than banks, they are able to offer different services. Too few entrepreneurs and small business owners understand this fact. As a result, many are giving up on their dreams because they can't find a way to finance them. The old adage about making assumptions is a wise one. Avoid it. Otherwise, you may be denying yourself the opportunity of a lifetime.

Penn Ritter is the executive vice president of Business Lenders, LLC in Clifton, New Jersey.

Coors elects Yates to board



Dr. Albert Yates, President of Colorado State University and a newly elected director for Coors Brewing Company.

GOLDEN, Colo.—Adolph Coors Company and its principal subsidiary, Coors Brewing Company, recently announced the election of Dr. Albert C.

Yates to their board of directors. Dr. Yates is president of Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Peter Coors, vice chairman and chief executive officer of CBC, said, "We look forward to benefiting from the substantial, diverse perspectives that Dr. Yates and W. Leo Kiehl (also elected to the board) will bring to our board of directors. Dr. Yates has extensive experience and skill as an executive manager and advisor to numerous organizations in the areas of academia, business and community service. Our new board members have successfully led large organizations to success in challenging environments. These abilities have become increasingly important for governance in the complex and ever-changing brewing industry."

Dr. Yates, 56, began his academic career at Memphis State University,

where he graduated magna cum laude with degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics. He went on to earn his doctorate in theoretical chemical physics from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1968 and served in a number of distinguished posts at Indiana University, Washington State University and University of Cincinnati before assuming the presidency of Colorado State in July 1990. Among his many professional activities, Dr. Yates has served on the Executive Committee on Academic Affairs of the American Council on Education and the First Interstate Bank Board of Directors. He is a founder of the Cultural Diversity Task Force in Ft. Collins.

Politicians, financial planning and the economy

By Dale G. Caldwell



In recent years the American public has expressed considerable disappointment with politicians and the political process. I believe that this disappointment stems from a lack of understanding of the role of political leaders by both politicians and the general public. According to many political scientists, to be effective, political leaders must focus on improving only three things: society, the environment and the economy. Effective political leaders should adopt legislation that will make society better by improving the educational system, healthcare, welfare services, national defense and anything else that generally enhances the lives of citizens. They should also adopt legislation that will improve the environment by ensuring that citizens have pollution free land, water and air.

Unfortunately, many politicians have not recognized that they are in office to improve society, the economy and the environment. In this column, I discuss the relationship between politicians, financial planning and the economy as it relates to IRAs, the Banking System and consumption/savings patterns.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA)

I have been amazed by how few politicians understand the strong relationship between individual financial planning and the economy. The best evidence of this has been the elimination of the tax deductible Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for some Americans. Congress has mandated that if you are an individual making over \$35,000 or a family making over \$50,000 you cannot deduct any portion of your IRA contributions from your taxes. Unfortunately, fewer people are motivated to open IRAs to save for their retirement than they would be if everyone could deduct IRA contributions from their taxes.

The banking system

Banks make money by investing a portion of their deposits and keeping the rest in reserves (to cover any withdrawals). Banks make a lot of money from the interest earned on these investments. In 1907, large groups of people believed that banks were going out of business because they did not hold sufficient reserves. People therefore started withdrawing large sums of money from the banking system. This panic, which almost collapsed the American banking system, forced the legislature to create the Federal Reserve System in 1913 to regulate the amount of reserves kept by banks. Unfortunately, in 1930 the American banking system did collapse, in spite of the Federal Reserve System. Many citizens withdrew their savings from banks because they would lose their money if their bank went out of business. In response to this crisis, congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to insure deposits, even if a bank goes out of business. Nevertheless, if large groups of citizens decided to withdraw their money today from banks then the whole system is in trouble. Effective politicians will have the foresight to sponsor legislation that will prevent this type of panic.

Consumption and saving patterns of large groups of Americans are researched extensively by economists to predict trends in the economy. These patterns have a direct effect on the strength or weakness of the economy. When citizens spend more to purchase goods and services then businesses make more money and usually hire more people. When citizens save more money the stock market benefits because more and more individuals are investing their savings in the stock market. That is why the \$327 billion of spending power of the black community is so important to America. Effective politicians will sponsor legislation that will encourage citizens to follow a financial plan, become smart consumers and remain or become gainful employees. As you approach the end of the year, review what legislation your local and statewide politicians have sponsored or supported that has motivated people to develop and follow a financial plan that will lead to economic prosperity.

Dale Caldwell is a certified management consultant (CMC), a former certified financial planner (CFP) and a national director of recruiting for Deloitte & Touche.

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Local Briefs

Comcast @ Home surpasses 10,000 mark

UNION — Comcast Online Communications has surpassed 10,000 customers for its Comcast @ Home high-speed Internet service in New Jersey. The number is a milestone for Comcast Home, and accounts for over one-third of the company's 30,000 high-speed cable modem customers in six markets nationwide.

"We are proud to have gained more than 10,000 customers in New Jersey, and believe that it testifies to the quality of the Comcast @ Home service," said Neil Manheimer, general manager of Comcast Online Communications.

Comcast Online Communications, through its partnership with the @ Home Network, offers residential customers the fastest and easiest way to access the Internet from home. Comcast @ Home is available in parts of Union, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Mercer and Ocean counties where Comcast's cable television systems have been upgraded to include advanced fiber-optic technology.

Preschoolers register in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — Elizabeth Pre-School registration will be held on Wednesday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to Noon, at various locations. Classes will start on Monday, October 5. A specified number of children will be accepted in each class on a first come first serve basis. To be eligible, applicants must be three years old by October 1, 1998. Proof of residence, birth certificate and an updated immunization record must be presented at the time of registration.

A parent or guardian must accompany each child at registration. Only one child may be registered by each adult, unless twins or children of close age proximity are involved.

Pre Schools are in session through mid May, and there is a nominal fee to parents. For further information, please contact the Department of Recreation at (908) 820-4220.

Committee of 100 hosts Ebony Fashion Fair for 40th year

EAST ORANGE — The Committee of 100, Inc. will sponsor the 41st Ebony Fashion Fair at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on October 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and proceeds are given to various community organizations.

This year's presentation "Fashion of Love" promises to dazzle all who attend. The gala is also particularly significant since the Committee of 100 officially celebrates its 40th Anniversary as a non-profit community service organization.

In 1956, a group of women wanted to do something to make a difference for children and families in the Central Ward of Newark. These women formed and organization with the immediate goal of building a new Boys Club in the Central Ward. During that time the debut of the annual Ebony Fashion Fair was being developed with the purpose of assisting the African-American Community-at-large through non-profit organizations. Two years later the Committee sponsored the annual touring gala. The events offer a major fund raising opportunity to the group and created what has become a 40-year relationship.

Over the years the group has broadened its community reach to be able to add sponsorships of four-year scholarships to college bound students whose families experience financial hardship, and financial grants to other non-profit organizations that provide

specialized community services including Essex County College — Connie Woodruff Nursing Scholarship, Clinton Hill Community Early Childhood Center, Inc., and St. Philip's School.



Balestra's legged hem velvet leopards print dress, with long, fitted sleeves and matching stole is one of the ensembles that will be featured by this year's Ebony Fashion Fair sponsored by the committee of 100.

specialized community services including Essex County College — Connie Woodruff Nursing Scholarship, Clinton Hill Community Early Childhood Center, Inc., and St. Philip's School.

Montclair stands firm against crime

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

In a time where communities across the country are being affected with an onslaught of criminal activity, towns like Montclair are banding together to take a stand. Residents as well as law enforcement officials feel good to see this happen. While other towns rely so heavily on law enforcement and less local participation, Montclair is using the best methods of community involvement to police themselves into the next millennium.

There are some people in Essex County who have a lot of misconceptions about the Township of Montclair. Some see it as "snooty." Others see a town with a lot of money to go around and around. But what some don't realize is that they have the same headaches as any other community, especially crime. But Montclair is taking back their streets.

In a report released by the State Police Uniform Crime Report (S.P.U.C.R.), crime in Montclair dropped by 24.2 percent in 1997. That's a 12 percent decrease since 1993. This includes a deduction in violent crimes, such as murder, rape, and assault, from 275 in 1993 to 150 last year. Property crimes also fell by 6.7 percent from 18 percent in 1993. So what is the reason for the town dropping from five to nine in the county crime rate. According to Police Chief Thomas Russo the citizens just had enough. "Over the last

four years, residents just felt they had to do something to reclaim what's theirs," said Russo. "More people are having meetings, walking the streets, doing neighborhood watches, all the necessary things to get the point to criminals."

That is not to say it's all been done by the community. "The police have been doing its fair share as well," Russo continued. "More cops are doing more policing of the neighborhood, parks and schools than any other period in its history."

"Many people don't think of Montclair that way. They still think of it as 'Well nothing happens here I'll be safe,'" says John Philpot, a fire fighter for the town. "I know Russo quite well, and I know he's determined to change the image of this town."

Besides the policing, there has been a growing connection between police and residents. While other towns tend to disassociate themselves from law enforcement, citizens here gladly accept it. "I've always had a view of cops as being bullies, but talking with them you see they have the same views and concerns as you," says Lionel Reed a cook at Hudson Place restaurant in Montclair. "They're really great guys." Jesse Thomas, an art dealer, sees it the same way. "It's like someone messing with a member of your family — you'll do whatever it takes to protect them. That's how the community is doing it when it comes to crime," says Thomas.

Irvington youth attend Arthur Ashe Day



IRVINGTON — Fifty students from the Irvington Tennis Academy were recently treated to a trip to "Arthur Ashe Kid's Day" at the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament by the township of Irvington. With them in the photo, second row from right, is Herbert Chapman, co-founder and director of the Irvington Tennis Academy, and township Mayor Sara Boat. "We welcome the opportunity to expose our children to a sport that traditionally has been scarce in the urban community. Because of trailblazing efforts of Arthur Ashe, our children can reap the physical and mental benefits from the game of tennis."

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Severe thunderstorms call for extra caution

TRENTON — New Jersey has seen the most intense El Nino of record. The result of this phenomenon is continuing warm temperatures, humidity, and of course, thunderstorms. As the summer temperatures end, the probability of severe storms which pose a threat to property and individual safety increases.

A severe storm is characterized by hail 3/4 inch in diameter and winds of 58 mph or greater.

Severe thunderstorms produce lightning, dangerous winds, flash floods, and even tornadoes. On average, lightning kills 75 people each year and is responsible for building fires and damaging electrical surges.

Tornadoes have violent winds that can reach speeds of up to 250 mph, and hail causes millions of dollars of damage to crops and property. L. Scott Stanford of the Independent Agents of Union County (IAUC) warns that everyone should review their insurance policies with their independent agent — to ensure their property is protected. In addition, as a storm approaches follow these guidelines:

1. Seek shelter — Stay away from open fields, wire fences, telephone poles, tall isolated trees, open water, bicycles, motorcycles, lawnmowers and drafts (i.e. open windows).
2. Do not talk on the telephone.
3. If caught out in the open, such as on a golf course — seek out low areas like ravines, take off metal golf shoes, do not carry golf clubs, if in a group spread out.
4. Remember that lightning can strike miles away from its source. As a result, people are often struck right before and after a storm, when the storm is not directly overhead.
5. If you feel your hair stand on end, drop to your knees and bend forward — do not lie flat — lightning may be about to strike!
6. Unplug valuable appliances or invest in surge protectors.

Watch out for La Nina

TRENTON — Some meteorologists warn that El Nino is typically replaced by its mirror opposite, La Nina. La Nina turns the Pacific waters colder than usual. The phenomenon may play a role in this year's hurricane season which began June 1.

A hurricane is an intense tropical weather pattern system with winds of 74 mph or greater. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November. An average of ten tropical storms (six of which become hurricanes) develop in the Atlantic each year. Typically only five strike the U.S. coast every three years, and only two of these is usually considered a greater storm. In a La Nina, the probability of an Atlantic hurricane hitting land increases.

As hurricanes move, ashore they sweep the ocean inward, producing large amounts of flooding. Along the coast the increased tides are the greatest threat to property, while inland intense rains lead to dangerous flooding. But there are ways to protect oneself and their property. Stanford suggests the following guidelines during a hurricane watch:

- Stay informed of the risk in your area by monitoring radio and TV broadcasts
- Plan to evacuate high-rise buildings and coastline areas
- Remove items on your property which could become flying debris. Store loose objects
- Board or tape windows or use storm shutters
- Finally, adds Stanford, "plan ahead, be prepared, and review your insurance policy."



Trees and streetlights were broken and uprooted in the recent Labor Day storm. There were also injuries and damage to people and property. Common sense and learning safety tips can prevent individuals from serious harm.



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Religion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW YORK—A special workshop on learning how to tell Bible stories will be a one-day international conference sponsored by the American Bible Society's Volunteer Ministries at the Bible House, 1 (800) 242-5376 ext. 1515.

NEWARK—The women and men of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church will sponsor an Everybody's Birthday Celebration and Fashion Show beginning at 5 p.m. For more information call (973) 242-4173.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

HACKENSACK—Men of the Universal Hagers Spiritual Church presents "GospelFest 1998" featuring the Gospel H-Lites and many others beginning at 3 p.m. at the UNHC Temple #2. For more info call (201) 816-1883 or (201) 344-6133.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEWARK—First Mt. Zion Baptist Church will observe their Annual Men and Women's Day at 11 a.m. (973) 242-4173.

WAYNE—Catholic Campus Ministry will host Thanksgiving awareness program beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 595-8184.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

PLAINFIELD—Faith Tabernacle Church presents their 1st annual conference beginning at 7 p.m. This conference will be held through October 4. (908) 767-6388.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

PLAINFIELD—Revivalist Dr. Christine Liddel will talk with the congregation of Rose of Sharon Christ Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 581-4211.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

GARWOOD—Rose of Sharon Church will host a pre-anniversary luncheon at the Woodwood beginning at 12 noon. (732) 758-2390.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

PLAINFIELD—Evangelist Valeria Yencov will provide worship service for Women's Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. (908) 581-4211.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEWARK—Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry will celebrate its annual dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 481-6650.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ATLANTA—Join us for the 3rd annual Gospel Heritage Gala Concert & Awards. For detailed information, call 615-376-9565.

HAIGHTHORNE—The Northern NJ Sunday School Association will sponsor the 38th annual Christian Education Convention through the 24th at the Hawthorne Gospel Church, 1-800-363-4410 or 973-283-1540.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

RARITAN—Father Joseph C. Mortin will give a lecture titled "Symptoms of Sobriety" at Raritan Community Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 356-1082.

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Psalm 74:12

Church celebrates work with dinner

NEWARK—Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry will celebrate its Annual Dinner on Friday, October 16, 1998 at the Robert Treat Hotel located in downtown Newark. The MEM Annual Dinner will begin with a Pre-Dinner Reception at 5:30 p.m. and the evening's meal begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the dinner is to celebrate the church's continued project with community residents. The church offers several programs: a day care center, a youth based internet program, a housing and commercial development enterprise with several companies in the Newark area. The event is \$50.00 per person. For information on how to purchase tickets or for an Ad in the Annual Dinner Journal Program please contact Ms. Virginia Morton, MEM Annual Dinner Co-Chairperson (973) 481-6650.

Historic Black Men's Conference takes place in Atlanta

The General Commission on United Methodist Men, the agency of the United Methodist Church responsible for men's work within the denomination, announced it will be holding its third Black Men's Conference at the Georgia International Convention Center on October 15-18, 1998.

The historic nature of this conference is that it brings together for the first time since 1787, African Americans who left the Methodist Church. This happened when Richard Allen, a free African American member of the St. George Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia was interrupted during prayer time and told he could not pray anymore at the altar at the usual time but needed to go immediately to the balcony where African American members had been forced to sit. Upon completion of the prayer (he

and his prayer partner refused to move) he proceeded out the church, rented a storefront, and began a new denomination called the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

At around the same time, that crucial moment of separation from the Methodist Church also would give rise to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (now called the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church). For the first time since African American men left the Methodist Church in 1787, 5,000 African American men of these predominantly Black denominations within the Methodist family, will join with African American men who remain in the United Methodist Church as well as other men of the church, in creating a new history of partnership, reconciliation, cooperation, and family.

Twenty-three workshops will be offered at this conference dealing with the unique issues facing African American men now and in the 21st century. Nationally known speakers from each of the sponsoring denominations will offer motivational, inspirational preaching and teaching. Over 100 vendors will be present at a ministry fair geared toward the needs of men. Special workshops will provide intensive training for men in mentoring boys, pastoral care of black men, and college and career opportunities for black males.

Conference music will be dynamic and varied. A 500 member male chorus will be composed of volunteers from the participants of the conference. A wide range of music styles will be presented by men's choirs from across the country; including soloists, acapella artists, gospel choirs, contemporary and tra-

ditiional music.

This event is aimed at African American lay men, clergymen, and women. Anyone who is interested in attending regardless of race, gender, or denominational affiliation is encouraged to do so. A goal of the conference is to encourage at least 1,000 white males to actively participate in the conference. The conference gives opportunity for men across races and denominations to participate in acts of reconciliation throughout the event.

To order free brochures for individuals and posters for local churches and community centers call (615) 340-7145. For sales, vendor booths and information, general information, and registration for the conference (space is limited, first come first serve) call (888)-9-BROTHER.

Word of God expressed through Mimes

PLAINFIELD—The Rose of Sharon Mimes for Christ Ministry was conceived from a vision Pastor Ball shared with her church's Youth Ministry in February 1998. After returning from a youth conference in California, Pastor Ball held a rap session and a video with the group. During the viewing of the video four of the youth, Tiffany Garvin, Stephanie Yancy, Tamara Fleming and Jonnieke Sertella were so inspired with seeing the word of God brought alive through facial expression and body movement. After that after leaving the meeting, they came together on their own to discuss their feelings about what they had seen on tape. They began to choreograph their own movements using contemporary gospel music to express their love for God using pantomime.

After sharing their expressions at the Rose of Sharon during Sunday morning services, the young women have received several invitations to perform at various churches in the tri-state area as well as various functions in the community of Plainfield. Most

recently the Mimes for Christ had the opportunity to perform for Junior High Day at the Plainfield Senior Citizen Center, and on August 5, for Governor Whitman at the Plainfield Black United Fund, an honor they will always remember.

The young women are excited to receive all the attention, but are always ready to remind others that it is not about the performance but the spirit of praise and worship.

When the Mimes are not practicing they can be found helping in many different areas around the Rose of Sharon Church including working a full week at Vacation Bible School in August. And while Jonnieke and Tamara are cousins you will seldom see one of the young women without the other three.

The young women have very busy lives, with school, cheerleading and work. However, they still find time to enjoy all the typical teen things: shopping, getting their hair and nails done, and talking on the phone. But to matter what they do in their outside activities, you can always find them at home at Rose of Sharon.



Rose of Sharon Mimes: (L to R) are Tamara Fleming, Jonnieke Sertella, Tiffany Garvin, and Stephanie Yancy. They were on hand to view and discuss the latest video of their ministry.

The Refuge Church selects new pastor

PLAINFIELD—August 1st The Refuge Church of Christ family announce that Elder N. Leon Harrell has been named the new pastor to the Refuge Church of Christ, 600 Grant Avenue, Plainfield, NJ, by its members and the Apostles Board of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostles Faith.

Elder and Sister Leon Harrell came from the Refuge Temple Annex, Bronx, New York after serving 25 years as Assistant Pastor as well as Minister of Education. Pastor Harrell is a graduate of Union Bible Institute, Atlanta, TN, with a M.B.A., majoring in Religious Education. Before coming into full-time ministry, Pastor Harrell works as an Admissions Counselor of a trade school in the New York area. Presently, Elder Harrell is the Director of Teacher Training of the International Sunday School Department of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ and was the former Dean of Abundant Life and Refuge Temple Bible Institutes.

Sister Harrell, who has spent 17 years with Bell Atlantic, has also served at the Refuge Temple Annex in various capacities: Usher Board President, Advisor to the Youth Department, Auxiliary Department President and as a Disciple Missionary Secretary. Elder and Sister Harrell have three children and one granddaughter.

Elder and Sister Harrell stand before us and speak on behalf of a power greater than themselves and are quoted as saying, "We believe God is going to bring to pass the vision he birthed into the heart and spirit of our former pastor, Bishop Michael C. Grayer. God is going to allow his new leadership to add to what God has already started."

The Refuge Church of Christ family will have an installation celebration of Elder N. Leon Harrell on Saturday, September 19, 1998, 12 noon at the church.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Medical Center will have a free anti-child abuse seminar at the hospital's auditorium beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 915-2040.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

RAHWAY—The Blood Center of New Jersey will host a blood drive at the Masonic Lafayette Lodge beginning at 5 p.m. (878) 676-4700.

FAIR LAWN—The Fair Lawn Health Department will host a conference on child care. Call (201) 794-5329 for time and reservations.

CAMDEN—The Camden Council on economic will host an AIDS awareness meeting. (609) 794-2462 for time.

CHERRY HILL—The Cooper Health Systems will host a men's health support group at the Health Education Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. (609) 668-7388.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NEWARK—The Blood Center of New Jersey will host a blood donation drive at Donor's Drop Lunch Truck on Central Ave. and South 15th Street beginning at 11:30 a.m. (973) 676-4700.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital will host a program on the newest treatments for cancer pain beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 833-3186.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

JERSEY CITY—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Center at the Meadowlands Training Center will have open enrollment for courses as EMT beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 324-5500.

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital will offer prostate screenings for men over age 50. (201) 833-3186 for time.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PLAINFIELD—The Senior Center will host a meeting on alcohol and seniors with the Municipal Alliance Group on Drug and Alcohol beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 753-3926.

HeartBeat

State celebrates Minority Health Month

TRENTON — September is Minority Health Month, and more than 150 community groups will join the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in marking the month by focusing especially on the health needs of children and the elderly.

September has been designated as Minority Health Month in New Jersey. As part of this year's theme, "Children and Older Adults: The Heart and Soul of Our Communities," the department's Office of Minority Health is working to reach minority residents statewide with information about programs aimed at keeping children and senior citizens healthy.

Churches, community groups, hospitals and other organizations

statewide are sponsoring special events this month. Health fairs, community discussions, health education sessions, free childhood immunizations, and health screenings for high blood pressure, diabetes, prostate cancer and other conditions are among the planned events.

This year, the organizations also will be helping to promote New Jersey KidCare, the state's new children's health insurance program, as well as services for seniors that are available through the county Offices on Aging.

KidCare is an affordable insurance program open to low-income families. At all of the minority health month events, families can get more information about the program and eligible families will be able to enroll

at some of the sites. For more information on New Jersey KidCare, call 1-800-701-0710. Information will also be available on the wide range of programs available to seniors, such as Meals on Wheels and transportation services, that can help keep seniors healthy and living independently in the community.

"The state's minority residents are more likely than whites to suffer from certain cancers, heart disease, diabetes and AIDS, and their babies are more likely to die before their first birthday," Fishman said.

This month gives us a great opportunity to make a difference in the health of all minorities, and especially the health of children and seniors."

On September 23, Commissioner Fishman will join in New Jersey's

statewide Empowerment Summit in Newark. Health care is among the issues to be discussed at the Summit, which is expected to draw some 500 people from around the state. The Summit is sponsored by the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority and PNC Bank.

The Department of Health and Senior Services has undertaken a number of programs to improve the health of minorities and improve their access to health care.

Through the Black Infant Mortality Initiative, the department is working with a Blue Ribbon Panel, most of whom are African-Americans, to reduce the high infant mortality rate in the black community. This includes a major public awareness campaign to direct

women to prenatal care and other programs.

In the area of cardiovascular health, the department is committed to improving minority access to cardiac surgery and preventative health programs by holding hospitals accountable for their performance in this area. Minority seniors are also less likely to have received potentially life-saving immunizations against pneumonia and influenza. Last year, the department and the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey launched a major effort to get seniors, including minority seniors, immunized.

A listing of statewide Minority Health Month activities is available on the department's web site at www.state.nj.us/health or by calling (609) 984-7160.

Co-workers important factor in diet change

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Workers in a program to increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables are more likely to be ready to change their diet if they believe they have strong support from co-workers and family members, researchers report.

"Family members and co-workers have the potential to play an important role in determining the climate of health behavior and can assist in influencing health behaviors, such as eating habits," says Chorian Sorensen, PhD, MPH, of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and her colleagues, writing in the October Health Education & Behavior.

Health promotion programs, they urge, should target the eating habits of all family members rather than focus on individuals at high-risk illness. That way, the programs can "build on the foundation of family support and target the focus away from a single 'labeled' individual," they explain. "Similarly, programs in the work site can foster co-workers or norms that build support for behavior change."

The research team examined questionnaire responses from more than 1,300 workers from 22 mental

health centers participating in the National Cancer Institute's 5-a-Day for Better Health Initiative.

The questionnaire asked workers' current vegetable and fruit consumption, their readiness to change their diet, and the support they received from co-workers and family members.

Compared with those merely contemplating diet change, those making preparations to eat more fruit and vegetables reported greater levels of support among co-workers or family members. Social support was greater among African-American and Hispanic workers than among other workers.

As income increased, workers were more likely to be already eating more fruits and vegetables. Smokers were least likely to be contemplating or already eating fruits and vegetables to diet.

100 Black Men leads groups to fight prostate cancer

NEWARK — Prostate cancer does not have to kill. Early Detection is the key.

The 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc., TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey and a collaboration of hospitals and health-related entities have embarked on a day for education, awareness and early detection for Prostate Cancer.

On September 19, this collaboration will sponsor its first Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and Detection in Northern New Jersey with programs held simultaneously at several hospitals in Essex County. These programs will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include free on-site testing for prostate cancer, video presentations stressing the importance of nutrition and other lifestyle modifications, patient information and literature, medical professionals and prostate cancer survivors will be on hand to provide insight and assistance to attendees.

Hospitals involved in these activities include Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Irvington General Hospital, East Orange General

Hospital, Saint Michael's Hospital and the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark.

September is Minority Health Month, this collaboration believes that this is a great time to address the issue of prostate cancer, especially in light of the fact that the incidence and mortality rates of this disease are at crisis levels within the African-American community. Men over the age of 50, and all African-American men or men with a family history of the disease over the age of 40, who have not had a prostate exam within the last year, are asked to come for a day of education,

information and testing.

The collaboration also supports New Jersey Senate Bill 1039 and Assembly Bill 2085, which would create a Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and Research Program in the State of New Jersey. If passed, this legislation would provide support within the state for prostate cancer medical research, physician education and awareness, and patient education and screening services. The collaboration is calling on all members of the community to call their local senators and assembly person and voice their support for both bills.

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New body mass index: A fatness guideline

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released updated weight treatment guidelines for Americans last June. Included in the guidelines was the now-infamous Body Mass Index (BMI) formula that evaluates pounds relative to height, wrote Megan Fitzmorris McCaffery in an article in the September issue of Cosmopolitan.

Twenty-five million Americans found their BMI and discovered that the chart indicated they were overweight for their height. Is this new Body Mass Index correct?

In the past, most federal agencies had set a BMI of 27 as the overweight standard. But the 25-and-over BMI standard has been the U.S. Government's official benchmark since 1965. That's because that's the point where research indicates the risk of counter-effective diseases starts to increase.

The shift was a big deal for Americans, however, because approximately 97 million of us — or 35 percent of the adult population — are now considered overweight or obese. And that's more than a vanity problem.

Obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the United States today (after smoking), resulting in 300,000 lives lost each year.

Unless you're a doctor or diet pro, you've probably never heard of BMI. But it's been the favored measure for fitness for doctors since the late 1980s, when it replaced Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's height-weight charts based on body-frame size.

Still, while the BMI is an improvement over the old-school Met Life charts, it's not a one-shot solution to the nation's porky problems. While BMI gives a more accurate measure of body fat, some people may be classified as overweight without being fat, since lean muscle tissue weighs more than fat. People with high muscle content, like weight lifters and frequent exercisers, may show up as overweight even when they're not. However, unless you can bench-press 295 pounds, your high BMI probably pans you into the latter, fatter category with good reason. Couch-crashers with a pint-and-a-half ice cream habit aren't doing themselves any favors by deluding

themselves into thinking that too much muscle is the culprit.

Even if you are more muscle than muscle, you still shouldn't let BMI alone freak you out. Consider other health-risk factors, including high blood pressure and cholesterol levels, before you come to any conclusions. A study conducted by the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research concluded that it's actually healthier to be fleshy and fit than skinny and out of shape.

It also makes a difference where the fat is located. A pot belly is more dangerous than thigh thighs. It's upper body fat that makes you more prone to diabetes and heart disease. For women with a BMI of 25 and up, a waist circumference of 35 inches and over signifies increased health risk.

Bottom line: If your BMI is pushing 30 or higher, you probably should pay closer attention to your weight and consider consulting your doctor about how to shed pounds safely. But if your BMI falls between 25 and 30 and other risk factors aren't present, think of it as a weight warning and try to avoid gaining any more weight and exercise regularly.

Homeopathic remedies for children

NEW YORK — Today, a growing number of parents — many of whom express concern about the safety and effectiveness of over-the-counter decongestants as well as the continual use of antibiotics for their children's recurrent ailments — are considering homeopathic medicine's natural treatments for childhood health complaints. The World Health Organization is so impressed by the effectiveness of homeopathic treatments that it has suggested that by the year 2000, doctors around the world complement their standard medical practices with the use of homeopathy, wrote Maggie Howe in an article in the September issue of Country Living.

Homeopathic remedies use natural substances derived from botanicals,

minerals, or animals and dilute them with water, alcohol, or milk sugar to create medicines of the desired strength. Discovered in the 1800s by German physician Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, homeopathy is based upon the principle that like cures like — Dr. Hahnemann's law of similars. Homeopathy is believed to work in the body the same way that vaccines work. Vaccinations contain small amounts of particular viruses that are given to immunize or strengthen the body against a massive onslaught of the specific disease. The same principle applies to homeopathy, where an example of "like curing like" is the treatment of allergies. An allergen is introduced to the body in a diluted form, either as a tablet or liquid. It is then dissolved sublingually to encourage the body to build

up its own natural defenses against the allergen.

Many physicians throughout America are concerned with the safety of conventional drugs on children and believe homeopathic treatments to be gentle and safe. One unique quality of homeopathic remedies is that parents can educate themselves about the remedies and administer them to the children without having to run to the doctor's office for sore throats, colds, and flus. If the medicines don't work, you should bring your child to a homeopathic physician to find out what constitutional medicines your child may need. Constitutional medicines are homeopathic treatments (tablets or syrups) that are used to strengthen the overall constitution or health of a patient.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW BRUNSWICK — George Street Play House will present the off Broadway hit *After Play* through Sunday, call (973) 583-0189 for time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

ELIZABETH — A special children's program will present stories, songs, rhymes, crafts and activities at the Elizabeth Public Library. For more information, call 201-660-0200 ext. 4.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK — Actor and stand-up comedian George Carlin will perform at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC), with special guest Dennis Barboza, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 597-5838.

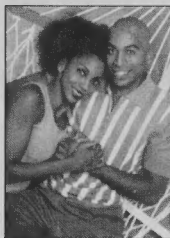
UPPER MONTCLAIR — Montclair State University will present *Remembering Booth*, a play at the Studio Theater, beginning at 2 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

NEWARK — Rutgers University will host a conference on inner cities called *Arts Transforming the Urban Environment*. Call (973) 333-5119 for more information.

NORTH BRANCH — The works of William Faulkner will be featured at Raritan Valley Community College through October 1. For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

Romance is on the WB



Actor James Lesure, who plays "Mel Ellis," stars with Holly Robinson Peete, who plays "Malena Ellis" in the WB show *For Your Love*.

BURBANK, Calif. — From commitment phobias to blissful newweddings to wedlock veterans, *For Your Love* relates love in all of its romantic, challenging and chaotically hilarious stages. Now in its second season, this romantic comedy series was created and is executive produced by Yvette Lee Bowser, the executive producer and creator of *Living Single*.

Set in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Ill., *For Your Love* will air Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on the Warner Bros. Network. The season premiere is September 17th. The show follows three couples bound by friendship and family as they traverse the many phases of life and love in all their glorious complications. Celebrating the humor in the life-long tug of war between every two some, the series stars Holly Robinson Peete (*Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*, *21 Jump Street*), James Lesure (*Cybill*), Edale Blackmon (*Murder One*), Tamala Jones (*Veronica's Closet*), Booty Call and D.W. Moffet (*Chicago Sons*).

While adjusting to married life, newlyweds Mel (Lesure) and Malena (Robinson Peete) Ellis, exercise strong wills and a fiery passion for each other as they learn the hard lesson that the first year is always the toughest. Their friends and next-door neighbors, Sheri (Peete) and Dean (Moffett) Winston, are high school sweethearts and destined soul mates, somewhat settled yet struggling to keep things bright after five years of marriage. On the flip side the entire notion of wedlock is anathema to Mel's playboy brother Reggie Ellis (Blackmon) and his girlfriend Bobbi Benson (Jones), and the martially gun-shy yet perfect pair wrestle with romance in an on-again off-again relationship.

History of Kente unveiled at Newark Museum

NEWARK — Kente, the colorful strip-woven cloth of the Asante and Ewe people of Ghana, Kente, one of the world's greatest continuing textile traditions. Kente, is a cultural phenomenon.

This fall, a collaborative exhibition from The Newark Museum and the Fowler Museum of Cultural History at the University of California, Los Angeles, will begin its run in Newark prior to a national tour. Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity will be on view at The Newark Museum from September 17, 1998, through January 3, 1999. A fully illustrated catalogue featuring essays by leading American and Ghanaian scholars accompanies the exhibition.

Wrapped in Pride presents a comprehensive look at kente cloth from a variety of perspectives. The exhibition explores the rich diversity of traditional Asante and Ewe kente, how it is woven, the ways in which it is traditionally worn and the meanings attached to its use. According to Anne Spencer, Curator of Africa, the Americas and the Pacific at The Newark Museum and co-organizer of the exhibition, Wrapped in Pride breaks new ground by going beyond the examination of kente's place in Ghana, to a

study of how kente has been adopted in other parts of Africa and the African Diaspora, its spread to the United States and, finally, its incorporation into contemporary American life. Kente is one of the world's best-known and most widely revered textiles. It is a hand-woven, narrow strip cloth often in bright, primary colors with patterned motifs of great variety that has long been a part of traditional Ghanaian society and ritual culture. Its exceptionally rich designs and beauty appeal to many. Today, kente is prominent in contemporary African American society as well, often embraced as a symbol of black identity. Kente is produced in great quantities, exported to more places and incorporated into a greater variety of forms than any other African fabric. Wrapped in Pride, which will encompass the entire first floor of The Newark Museum's main building, includes masterpieces of kente loomed from the permanent collections of The Newark Museum, the Fowler Museum and the Smithsonian, as well as from a leading private collection in London, England. In all, the exhibition brings together over 185 examples — complemented by a rich selection of historical and documentary photographs — that illustrate its overlying themes.



This photo of Ejlshehene Nana Diko Pim III, in Ghana, was taken in 1976 by Doran H. Ross. The fabric shown in the inset photo is a wrapper used by the Asante people in Ghana. It is from the collection of the National Museum of African Art and National Museum of Natural History.

Authors tackle varying themes in new books

NEW YORK — Few would argue that America could use a moral map for modern living. Today's headlines scream with the need for reports of violent crime and substance abuse, not to mention the economic recession, the behavior of business leaders, and of course, politics.

Ideas for fixing these problems abound, but it all comes down to this: Change begins with the moral education of our children. To that end, author and journalist Steven Barboza offers *The African American Book of Values: Classic Moral Stories (Doubleday)*, an inspiring anthology designed to instruct, guide, and comfort African American families as they negotiate life's moral and ethical dilemmas.

Steven Barboza grew up listening to childhood stories derived from a

white world, tales and fables in which the "people" were either wooden-bodied or white. Years later he discovered a body of literature to be proud of, a rich treasury of the tales he craved as a child. Now he has collected its best fiction and nonfiction between the covers of his book in a committed effort to reintroduce forgotten concepts like courage, self-discipline, responsibility, faith, compassion, loyalty, and respect.

Written by historic figures and relative unknowns, each story in the text illustrates the strengths, versatility, and resilience of blacks. With entries from Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King Jr., to unsung heroes like Underground Railroad "conductors" William Still, they spotlight moral and ethical conduct in clear, uncompromising language. As a bonus, several original pieces are among them.

Handling the Blue Collar Blues

In her new novel, *Blue Collar Blues*, Rosalyn McMillan (Warner Books) taps into her twenty years experience as a blue collar worker at Ford Motor Company to create a fast-

paced, steamy tale of love and lust on the line. Pride, ambition, lust. These motivations do not recognize the boundaries between the personal and the professional. Just ask the heroines of the novel. There is beautiful Khan Davis, who as she kills time before her 5 a.m. shift at the Champion auto plant, consults her horoscope: "It's your kind of day. You learn secrets."

Well, the second part is true, anyway, as Khan then reads of the surprise marriage of her wealthy beau K.C. Richardson to the extremely young Tomoko Johnson. For this smart and ambitious woman, picking up the pieces will not prove easy. Meanwhile, plant manager Thyme Tyler has to deal not only with the day to day drama of running a huge auto plant, but also the ugly white collar politics that can make an African-American woman bitter and angry.

Navigating the mine fields of love and work, these two close friends confront many of the challenges facing professional women in the 1990s, from racism and sexism in the suburban pride that can stop a career, or a love affair dead in its tracks.

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Wesley takes a bite out of acting

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wesley Snipes has offended many people during his rich film career: anti-gang activists, Japanese, black women, white men who can't jump. Now there's a new group: the undead. Vampires take an awful beating when Snipes morphs into *Blade*, a Marvel Comics-based superhero who slashes his way through Earth's teeming mass of toothy bloodsuckers.

This time, though, Snipes isn't worried about any backlash. After all, the movie-going public is decidedly pro-living and anti-vampire.

"I'm trying to touch all the markets, man," jokes Snipes, grinning behind a pair of sunglasses. Snipes relishes his new over-the-top role. The role is, of course, a 180-degree turn from the actor's last film role, the unheroic, complicated anchor of *One Night Stand*, director Mike Figgis' atmospheric take on infidelity. "Look, I'm not limited in my imagination, so why should I be limited in my work? I've been the underdog pretty much all my life so I'm not afraid of not being the cat's meow, the one who's ordained," says the actor whose title character in *Blade* is a half-human, half-vampire who wields a sword, a flame-thrower and a nasty assault weapon that shoots silver bullets. "It's been that way all my life and I'm just accustomed to it," he says. "So I'm always going to do the things that are somewhat unexpected."



Wesley Snipes is currently starring the film *Blade*.

That might just as well be his motto. Over a two-year period, 1991-92, Snipes portrayed a chilling, streetwise crack boss in *New Jack City*, an architect in an interracial affair in *Jungle Fever*, a paraplegic in *The Waterdance* and the heroic *Pasenger 57*. "I've been doing work now for maybe 10 years or so and there have been times when I've been really, really hot and other times when I've been kind of cool," he says. "And in those times, I'm not tripping. I'm not drinking myself to a mess or out there trying to commit suicide because I'm not in a hit movie. Some people can't do that. And I think that has a lot to do with having been one of the have-nots for a long time."

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All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific application bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contract Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (973) 430-2356.

Bid Bonds and Performance Bonds are not required for these bids.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127 Affirmative Action Program.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any partial bids, and to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY will receive sealed bids for CYCLE PAINTING at Pleasant View Village Senior Complex, Rockaway Township, NJ and Bennett Avenue Family Complex, Randolph Township, NJ on Thursday, October 8, 1998 at 10:00 AM at the office of the Housing Authority, 89 Ketch Road, Morrisown, New Jersey, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids should be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPES, addressed to the Housing Authority and clearly marked on the outside with the project name and number. No bids will be received by mail. Bidders are required to appear in person at the office of the Housing Authority at the time of bid opening. Bids received after the indicated opening time will be rejected and returned.

Copies of the documents, including Drawings, Technical Specifications and Addenda may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 89 Ketch Road, Morrisown, NJ 07960 on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. These documents can be picked up in person at this location. A non-refundable check of \$25.00 made payable to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris is required at the time of pick up. A mandatory walk-through of Pleasant View Village and Bennett Avenue will be conducted on Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 10:00 AM starting at our office on 89 Ketch Road, Morris Twp., NJ.

The Housing Authority of the County of Morris reserves the right to waive any informalities to reflect any or all bids, or to accept the bid which, in their judgment, best serves their need. The bids shall hold firm for sixty (60) days.

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Proposals must be received by the CRDA by 4:00 PM on Monday, October 5, 1998. No sealed proposals will be accepted.

Questions are to be directed to:
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98-B13281 AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & ACCESSORIES

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98-B13291 LOCKING HARDWARE

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998 AT 1:00 P.M.
98-B13301 MASONRY SUPPLIES

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998 AT 1:45 P.M.
98-B13311 OFFICE SUPPLIES

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998 AT 2:30 P.M.
98-B13321 WELDING SUPPLIES

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998 AT 3:00 P.M.
98-B13331 PAINTS & ASSOCIATED PARTS

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998 AT 3:30 P.M.
98-B13341 REFRIGERATORS & ASSOCIATED PARTS

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998 AT 9:30 A.M.
98-B13351 RESIDENTIAL CABINETS

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98-B13361 WINDOW SHADES & VINYL BLINDS

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998 AT 11:30 A.M.
98-B13371 SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLIES

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98-B13381 ROLL-UP STEEL DOORS

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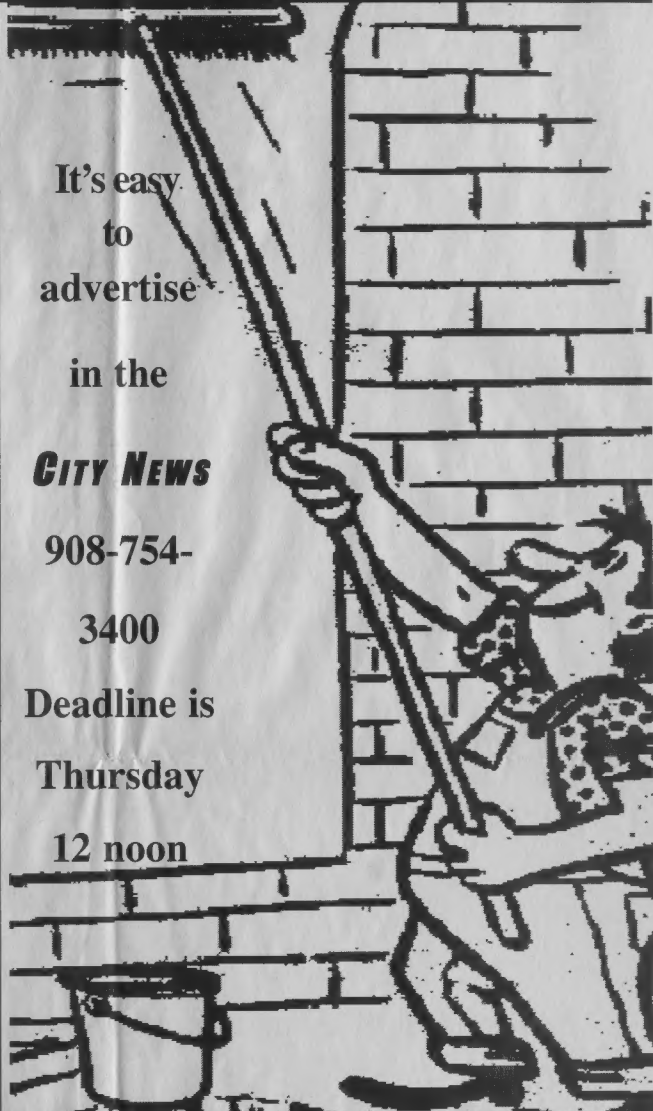
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